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	AA	4 3 9 7 1 1 4	8/83	Skaife			
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	AC	4 1 0 0 6 9 9	7/78	Skaife			
	AD	3 9 6 1 4 4 4	6/76	Skaife			
	AE	2 8 3 4 1 5 3	5/58	Fearn			
	AF	1 9 8 7 2 5 5	1/35	Husted			
	AG	5 5 9 7 7 3 1	1/97	Young et al.			
	AH	5 5 2 5 5 0 5	6/96	Young et al.			
	AI	4 6 9 7 3 8 2	10/87	Koeniger			
	AJ	4 3 7 9 3 7 5	4/83	Eisenberg et al.			
	AK	4 3 5 5 4 8 4	10/82	Mandish			

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AR		Aeroponics International, "Aeroponic Seed Germination Accessories", Date Unknown, www.biocontrols.com/aerol8e.htm
AS		ACI-Hydroponics, "Clonator Valentine's Sale". Date Unknown, www.aci-hydroponics.com/clonator.htm
AT		Future Garden, "6 in. net grow cups", Date Unknown, www.futuregarden.com/shop/10-1030.html?id=9aMhf465

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AR	Roberto, Keith, "How To Hydroponics", 2000, pp 57-59, Distributed by Future Gardern Inc.
AS	Lil'Sprout Hydrogardening Appliances, Untitled, Date Unknown, www.lilsprout.com/cart/agora.cgi?page=j2000.html
AT	Genisis Technology, Inc., "Air-a-ponics in action... Genisis Rooting System" date unknown, Advertising Matter

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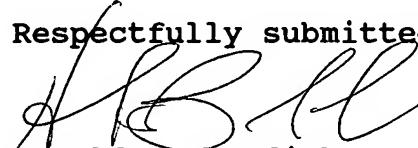
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Claims 1 through 20 are in this Application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to bring the U.S. Patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention, which Patents and publications are requested to be made formally of record. Copies of the Patents and publications herein referenced, together with the Forms PTO-1449 (incorporated hereinto by this reference), are enclosed herewith.

An early action on the merits of the instant application is respectfully solicited.

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